

CLAIMS

That which is claimed is:

1. A golf bag comprising:
 - a substantially hollow body with a first end for receiving golf equipment and an opposite second end; and
 - a base secured to the second end of the body, the base including a one-piece element that extends substantially around the second end of the body and forms a support surface for contacting a ground, and the base defining a flexion line, a first portion of the base being pivotable with respect to a second portion of the base about the flexion line.
2. The golf bag recited in claim 1, wherein the base is formed of a polymer foam material.
3. The golf bag recited in claim 1, wherein the base is formed of an ethylvinylacetate foam material.
4. The golf bag recited in claim 1, wherein the flexion line is an indentation in the base.
5. The golf bag recited in claim 4, wherein the indentation is defined in an interior surface of the base.
6. The golf bag recited in claim 4, wherein sidewalls of the base have a reduced thickness in areas positioned at an interface of the first portion and the second portion of the base.
7. The golf bag recited in claim 4, wherein a support surface of the base has a reduced thickness in areas positioned at an interface of the first portion and the second portion of the base.

8. The golf bag recited in claim 1, further including a support assembly that includes a pair of legs for supporting the golf bag in an inclined position.
9. The golf bag recited in claim 8, wherein the first portion is pivoted with respect to the second portion when the golf bag is in the inclined position.
10. The golf bag recited in claim 8, wherein the support assembly includes an actuator that extends between the legs and the base.
11. The golf bag recited in claim 10, wherein the actuator joins with a first connecting element that is secured to the base.
12. The golf bag recited in claim 1, wherein at least one wear element is secured to an exterior surface of the base.
13. The golf bag recited in claim 12, wherein the a least one wear element includes a first wear element and a second wear element that are positioned on opposite sides of the space
14. The golf bag recited in claim 12, wherein the wear element is formed from a rubber material.
15. The golf bag recited in claim 1, wherein a shaft extends between an upper portion of the golf bag and the base.
16. The golf bag recited in claim 15, wherein the shaft joins with a second connecting element that is secured to the base.

17. The golf bag recited in claim 15, wherein the shaft includes a curved area positioned proximal the first end of the body, the curved area forming a handle.

18. The golf bag recited in claim 15, wherein the shaft includes a curved area positioned proximal the second end of the body.

19. The golf bag recited in claim 18, wherein the curved area extends into material elements forming the body to support a shape of the material elements.

20. A golf bag configurable to stand in an upright position or an inclined position, the golf bag comprising:

a substantially hollow body with a first end for receiving golf equipment and an opposite second end;

a base secured to the second end of the body, the base including a one-piece element that extends substantially around the second end of the body and forms a support surface for contacting a ground, the base being formed of a flexible material such that a first portion of the base is pivotable with respect to a second portion of the base; and

a support assembly secured to the body and the base, the support assembly including a pair of legs for supporting the golf bag in the inclined position.

21. The golf bag recited in claim 20, wherein the base is in an unflexed configuration and the legs are adjacent to the body when the golf bag is in the upright position, and the first portion is pivoted with respect to the second portion and the legs extend obliquely away from the body when the golf bag is in the inclined position.

22. The golf bag recited in claim 20, wherein the support assembly includes an actuator that extends between the legs and the base.
23. The golf bag recited in claim 22, wherein the actuator joins with a first connecting element that is secured to the base.
24. The golf bag recited in claim 20, wherein the base defines a flexion line, the first portion of the base being pivotable about the flexion line.
25. The golf bag recited in claim 24, wherein sidewalls of the base have a reduced thickness in areas positioned at an interface of the first portion and the second portion of the base.
26. The golf bag recited in claim 24, wherein a support surface of the base has a reduced thickness in areas positioned at an interface of the first portion and the second portion of the base.
27. The golf bag recited in claim 20, wherein the flexion line is an indentation in the base.
28. The golf bag recited in claim 27, wherein the indentation is defined in an interior surface of the base.
29. The golf bag recited in claim 20, wherein the base is formed of a polymer foam material.
30. The golf bag recited in claim 20, wherein the base is formed of an ethylvinylacetate foam material.

31. The golf bag recited in claim 20, wherein at least one wear element is secured to an exterior surface of the base.

32. The golf bag recited in claim 31, wherein the wear element is formed from a rubber material.

33. The golf bag recited in claim 20, wherein a shaft extends between an upper portion of the golf bag and the base.

34. The golf bag recited in claim 33, wherein the shaft joins with a second connecting element that is secured to the base.

35. The golf bag recited in claim 33, wherein the shaft includes a first curved area positioned proximal the first end of the body, the curved area forming a handle.

36. The golf bag recited in claim 35, wherein the shaft includes a second curved area positioned proximal the second end of the body.

37. The golf bag recited in claim 36, wherein the second curved area extends into material elements forming the body to support a shape of the material elements.

38. A golf bag comprising:

a substantially hollow body with a first end for receiving golf equipment and an opposite second end; and

a base secured to the second end of the body, the base including a one-piece element that extends substantially around the second end of the body and forms a support surface for contacting a ground, and the base being formed of a flexible polymer

foam material, a first portion of the base being pivotable with respect to a second portion of the base about a flexion line.

39. The golf bag recited in claim 38, wherein the base defines a flexion line, the first portion of the base being pivotable about the flexion line.

40. The golf bag recited in claim 39, wherein the flexion line is an indentation in the base.

41. The golf bag recited in claim 40, wherein the indentation is defined in an interior surface of the base.

42. The golf bag recited in claim 38, further including a support assembly secured to the body and the base, the support assembly including a pair of legs for supporting the golf bag in an inclined position.

43. The golf bag recited in claim 38, wherein the polymer foam material is an ethylvinylacetate foam.

44. The golf bag recited in claim 38, wherein at least one wear element is secured to an exterior surface of the base.

45. The golf bag recited in claim 44, wherein the wear element is formed from a rubber material.

46. The golf bag recited in claim 38, wherein sidewalls of the base have a reduced thickness in areas positioned at an interface of the first portion and the second portion of the base.

47. The golf bag recited in claim 38, wherein a support surface of the base has a reduced thickness in areas positioned at an interface of the first portion and the second portion of the base.

48. A golf bag comprising:

a substantially hollow body for receiving golf equipment; and
a base secured to an end of the body, the base having a foam element formed of a polymer foam material, and the base having at least one wear element secured to an exterior surface of the foam element, the at least one wear element being positioned to contact a ground.

49. The golf bag recited in claim 48, wherein the foam element is flexible, and a first portion of the foam element is pivotable with respect to a second portion of the foam element.

50. The golf bag recited in claim 49, wherein an indentation in the foam element forms a flexion line for pivoting of the first portion with respect to the second portion.

51. The golf bag recited in claim 49, wherein sidewalls of the base have a reduced thickness in areas positioned at an interface of the first portion and the second portion of the base.

52. The golf bag recited in claim 49, wherein a support surface of the base has a reduced thickness in areas positioned at an interface of the first portion and the second portion of the base.

53. The golf bag recited in claim 48, further including a support assembly that includes a pair of legs for supporting the golf bag in an inclined position.

54. The golf bag recited in claim 48, wherein the polymer foam material is selected from a group consisting of ethylvinylacetate and polyurethane foam.

55. The golf bag recited in claim 48, wherein the at least one wear element is formed from a rubber material.

56. A base for a golf bag, the base comprising:
a foam element formed of a polymer foam material; and
at least one wear element secured to an exterior surface of the foam element, the at least one wear element being positioned to contact a ground.

57. The base recited in claim 56, wherein the foam element is flexible.

58. The base recited in claim 56, wherein a first portion of the foam element is pivotable with respect to a second portion of the foam element.

59. The base recited in claim 58, wherein an indentation in the foam element forms a flexion line for pivoting of the first portion with respect to the second portion.

60. The base recited in claim 56, wherein the polymer foam material is selected from a group consisting of ethylvinylacetate and polyurethane foam, and the at least one wear element is formed from a rubber material.

61. A golf bag configurable to stand in an upright position or an inclined position, the golf bag comprising:

a substantially hollow body with a first end for receiving golf equipment and an opposite second end;

a base secured to the second end of the body;
a support assembly secured to the body and the base, the support assembly including a pair of legs for supporting the golf bag in the inclined position; and
a frame that is separate from the support assembly and extends between the first end and the base, the frame including a single shaft that forms a handle for carrying the golf bag.

62. The golf bag recited in claim 61, wherein the shaft includes a curved area positioned proximal the first end to form a handle.

63. The golf bag recited in claim 61, wherein the base includes a one-piece element that extends substantially around the second end of the body and forms a support surface for contacting a ground.

64. The golf bag recited in claim 61, wherein the base is formed of a flexible polymer foam material, a first portion of the base being pivotable with respect to a second portion of the base about the flexion line.

65. The golf bag recited in claim 61, wherein an end of the shaft is secured to a divider that is positioned at the first end, and an opposite end of the shaft is secured to the base.

66. The golf bag recited in claim 61, wherein the shaft includes a curved area in a lower portion of the golf bag.

67. The golf bag recited in claim 66, wherein the curved area in the lower portion of the golf bag extends into material elements forming the body to support a shape of the material elements.

68. A golf bag comprising:

a substantially hollow body with a first end for receiving golf equipment and an opposite second end;

a base secured to the second end of the body; and

a frame formed as a single shaft that extends between the first end and the base, the frame including a first curved area positioned proximal the first end to form a handle, and the frame including a separate second curved area positioned proximal the second end.

69. The golf bag recited in claim 68, wherein the second curved area is positioned within the body.

70. The golf bag recited in claim 69, wherein the body is at least partially formed of material elements, and the second curved area supports a shape of the material elements.

71. The golf bag recited in claim 68, further including a support assembly secured to the body and the base, the support assembly including a pair of legs for supporting the golf bag in the inclined position.

72. The golf bag recited in claim 71, wherein the base includes a one-piece element that extends substantially around the second end of the body and forms a support surface for contacting a ground.

73. The golf bag recited in claim 72, wherein the base is formed of a flexible polymer foam material, a first portion of the base being pivotable with respect to a second portion of the base about the flexion line.

74. The golf bag recited in claim 68, wherein the base includes a one-piece foam element that extends substantially around the second end of the body and forms a support surface for contacting a ground.

75. The golf bag recited in claim 74, wherein the base defines a flexion line, a first portion of the base being pivotable with respect to a second portion of the base about the flexion line.

76. The golf bag recited in claim 74, wherein at least one wear element is secured to an exterior surface of the foam element, the at least one wear element being positioned to contact a ground.